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SUBJECT: Lt. Enrico CRAMER	STATUS:
Signed Statement re his arrest in Milan by the GIS	closed

SOURCE: Lt. CRAMER, through SCI/2, Milan

REFERENCE: JZX 6100 (8 Feb. 1946)

COMMENT:

1. On Baron Luigi PARRILLI, a GIS go-between and suspected D/A, see JZX 8024 (7 May 1946), our formal report based on a questionnaire on his activities prepared by this office and handed to PARRILLI on May 3, for his immediate action.

2. PARRILLI, who stated at the time that he was returning to Switzerland, assured that he would be back within a week to ten days, with all questions answered to the best of his ability.

3. To date PARRILLI has neither appeared at or sent word to this office.

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SUBJECT: Lt. Enrico CRAMER.

A. Remarks on CRAMER's Statement.

1. The present statement, as signed by Lt. CRAMER, was written by him in English, and provides a considerably fuller account of both his and his friend Marquis Uberto CRIVELLI's arrests by ABT IV, A.K.O. Milan, than is supplied by Reference.

2. CRAMER admitted to SCI/Z, Milan, verbally, that he personally has no liking for Baron PARRILLI; but that, in preparing his statement, he had attempted to be as impartial as was possible and to narrate the facts as they occurred.

3. CRAMER adds that, after having investigated the events for his own satisfaction, he is convinced that Count Edoardo FOSS was not implicated in his arrest.

4. In considering CRAMER's statement, the following is to be noted:

a) Par. (1) Lt. CRAMER has explained to SCI/Z, Milan that one of the two "Swiss fellows" was the Swiss military agent, Capt. BUSTELLI & "Joe" (see JRX 560 A, 7 Sept '45, s.v. "Mario PLANCA", par. 14).

b) Par. (1) What "did come off" was the AFHQ Sunrise Operation, in which Baron Luigi PARRILLI occupied a minor though appreciable role.

c) Par. (1) Concerning PARRILLI's allegation that "his hand had been forced by ZIMMER," attention is to be called to Ref. No. 31, JRX in preparation, this office, which consists of a translation and editing of HASTUP Guido ZIMMER's private jottings in German short-hand. In the Ref. No. cited, which is a note from ZIMMER to PARRILLI, ZIMMER's own account of the CRIVELLI arrest might be construed so as to substantiate PARRILLI's plea of innocence though the pertinent paragraph therein concludes with the sentence: "So much the more pleasant, now, is the fact that CRAMER was able to escape; and it is even more pleasant in that we attain by that what we told the Kommando, that you were of assistance to us in the capture of CRAMER."

d) Par. (n) As to CRIVELLI owing "his life to the Baron's intervention," it should be noted that ZIMMER, in the Ref. No. letter cited in (c) above, states: "...(?).. has prepared the way faithfully for the release of CRIVELLI."

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B. Signed Statement by Lt. Enrico CRAIER

a) I was arrested by the German SD at 5 PM on Jan. 15, 1945, under the following circumstances:

b) Having left Switzerland, where I was interned in mid July 1945, I at once joined Gen. CADORNA's staff, acting as courier to and from Switzerland and working generally for his information service. During the months of September, October, and part of November I used to have a bed out at 12, Via Pontaccio, a house belonging to my friend Marguis CRIVELLI. I happened to know that a radio-operator on the CVL staff was transmitting from there, but I also got to know that the Germans had smelt a rat, and I therefore warned CRIVELLI; and the operator left the premises in October (he was arrested shortly after that, but I know he kept his trap shut).

c) CRIVELLI's sister, Mrs. BINELLI, was arrested shortly after that at her country seat (Castellazzo), the formal accusation being that she belonged to the Garbagnate CLN, helped partisans, and hid valuables belonging to Jews. She was released after 36 hours because a Baron PARRILLI intervened in her favor with Capt. ZIMMER of the SD. *ced*

d) I kept clear of Via Pontaccio for some weeks; but, as everything seemed to be normal again, I went back, having no other house to fall back upon.

e) At the end of November, Count Edoardo POSS, PARRILLI's brother in law, warned me that it was dangerous for me to stay there (the warning came from PARRILLI); and I cleared out definitely, only going there occasionally to see my friends.

f) CRIVELLI was arrested at his residence in Rovallasca on Jan. 8. I should have left for Switzerland on the 10th, but my HQ told me to hold on, and try to find out why CRIVELLI had been taken.

g) I went to POSS' office, knowing that Baron PARRILLI was on good terms with ZIMMER; and there I finally met the Baron, out of whom I got no change.

h) He kept asking me what I knew about CRIVELLI's arrest, about his activity, and eventually what was I doing in Italy. I said I knew nothing at all, and was there to ask questions, not to answer them. On Jan. 15, towards 4 PM, after having crossed to public gardens in the snow, I rang up POSS at his office, giving no name to the exchange girl. POSS told me to meet him there at once. I jumped a running tram and was there within 10 minutes. I'm sure I wasn't followed, because I was on the look-out. I spoke to POSS for a while, and he again advised me to leave Milan and Italy right away. Then two Jerrys walked in, and pulled the usual gun stunt on me. I told POSS to ask them if they had any warrant, and one smiled and told him in German to ask the Baron.

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a) After that it was the jug for a month, and I knew nothing more. On February 15 I was packed off with some 270 others to Bolzano and eventual further resorts, and on Lake Garda I finally managed to get off the "bus" while travelling by night, and I scrambled to Switzerland.

j) I was afterwards told that our getaway had been organized, but I could hardly believe it, as I had to trust to my legs; and some of the big noses of the CLN never got off the bus at all. Anyhow, I think something of the kind was tried; but everything went wrong; as we were put on the wrong bus.

k) I next met PARRILLI at the bar of the Palace Hotel, Lugano, and at once phoned HQ, telling them I was taking him for a ride to Campione. I got strict orders to lay off, and watch developments. Shortly after that, end of March '45, I joined the partisans and lost sight of PARRILLI. I met POSS then, and he gave me an ample and satisfactory explanation regarding my arrest. I was satisfied with what he had told me, because I am sure that he knew nothing about it until he saw the two S.D. men, and he never knew how they came to find out I was in the office.

l) Some time later two Swiss fellows who had helped us enormously during the partisan campaign, told me that PARRILLI was in Lugano, and that he'd told them he'd had me arrested because his hand had been forced by ZIMMER, who needed a scapegoat for his HQ (i.e. to come off). He did pull it, and it did come off.

m) If my arrest was the means of keeping the ball rolling, I think they did the right thing and..... je m'incline.

n) CRIVELLI was set free at the end of February, and I know PARRILLI had a hand in the pie, because the exchange of prisoners somehow didn't work in the beginning, and he managed to make ZIMMER fix the deal. CRIVELLI was on a list of people to be executed, and maybe he owes his life to the Baron's intervention.

Signed

Enrico CRAMER

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